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Helena, Montana Senate Chambers March 26, 2007 State Capitol

Senate convened at 1:00 p.m. President Cooney presiding. Invocation by Father Jerry Lowney. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. Senators Gillan, Essmann and Smith excused. Quorum present.

Yeas: Bales, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Moss, Murphy, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J. Tropila, M. Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President.

Total 40

Nays: Balyeat, Gebhardt, Jackson, Lind, McGee, O'Neil, Shockley.

Total 7

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan, Smith.

Total 3

MOTIONS

SEN. CAROL WILLIAMS, SD 46, MISSOULA moved to place SB 470 on third reading the 65th Legislative day. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION (Hansen, Chairman):

3/26/2007

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3. Title, line 7 through line 8.

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Insert: "(1) "Earned income" means income from wages, salaries, bonuses, commissions, and other income that is earned in the act of providing personal services as an employee or as an independent contractor."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

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Insert: ""Institution"

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Insert: "public or "

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4. Page 1, line 24. Strike: "a Montana" Insert: "an" 5. Page 1, line 25. Following: "taxes" Insert: "on earned income" 6. Page 1, line 30. Strike: "a Montana" Insert: "an" 7. Page 2, line 2. Strike: "a Montana" Insert: "an" 8. Page 2. Following: line 3 Insert: "(b) To qualify for a credit, in each year determined under subsection (2)(a), the taxpayer must have received at least \$2,500 in earned income that year." Renumber: subsequent subsection 9. Page 2, line 18. Following: "program" Insert: "and similar entities" And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted. SB 375, introduced bill, be amended as follows: 1. Page 1, line 28. Strike: "\$500" Insert: "\$250" And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted. SB 400, introduced bill, be amended as follows: 1. Page 1, line 13. Strike: "15%" Insert: "10%" 2. Page 1, line 17. Strike: "returns." Insert: "forms. Married taxpayers filing separately on the same form may allocate the credit between spouses."

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MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE

Senate amendments to House bill concurred in:	3/24/2007
HB 120, introduced by Henry	
Senate amendments to House bill concurred in:	3/24/2007
HB 124, introduced by French	
Senate amendments to House bill concurred in:	3/24/2007
HB 409, introduced by Sinrud	
Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SB 269, introduced by Larson	
Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SB 369, introduced by Smith	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 4, introduced by Musgrove	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 19, introduced by McNutt	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 114, introduced by Olson	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 131, introduced by Sesso	
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HB 315, introduced by Koopman	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 348, introduced by Keane	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 395, introduced by W. Jones	
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HB 473, introduced by Ross

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HB 480, introduced by Lake	
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HB 540, introduced by Groesbeck	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 569, introduced by Rice	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 592, introduced by Wilson	
House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:	3/24/2007
HB 644, introduced by Sonju	
Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SB 178, introduced by Lewis	
Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SB 208, introduced by M. Tropila	
Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SB 385, introduced by Cobb	
Senate joint resolution concurred in and returned to the Senate:	3/24/2007
SJR 21, introduced by J. Peterson	
Senate bill concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:	2/22/2007
SB 12, introduced by Williams	3/23/2007
Senate bill concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:	2/22/2007
SB 50, introduced by Gallus	3/23/2007
Senate bill concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:	2/22/222
SB 102, introduced by Lind	3/23/2007

Senate bill concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:

3/23/2007

SB 118, introduced by Cobb

Senate bill concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:

3/23/2007

SB 175, introduced by Squires

House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

3/23/2007

HB 390, introduced by Nooney

House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

3/23/2007

HB 443, introduced by Taylor

House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

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House bill passed and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence:

3/23/2007

HB 630, introduced by Gallik

Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:

3/23/2007

SB 168, introduced by Jent

Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:

3/23/2007

SB 239, introduced by Balyeat

Senate bill concurred in and returned to the Senate:

3/23/2007

SB 322, introduced by Brueggeman

FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS

The following Senate bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

SB 561, introduced by Kaufmann, referred to Taxation.

SB 562, introduced by Laslovich, referred to Taxation.

The following House bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

HB 610, introduced by Keane, referred to Judiciary.

HB 769, introduced by Lake, referred to Public Health, Welfare and Safety.

SECOND READING OF BILLS (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Senator Williams moved the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Senator McGee in the chair.

Mr. President: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

- HB 206 Senator Williams moved consideration of HB 206 be passed for the day. Motion carried unanimously.
- HB 253 Senator Williams moved consideration of HB 253 be passed for the day. Motion carried unanimously.
- SB 116 Senator Brueggeman moved house amendments to SB 116 do pass. Motion carried unanimously.
- **HB** 756 Senator Ryan moved **HB** 756 be concurred in. Motion carried with Senator Balyeat, O'Neil, Shockley, McGee voting nay.
- HB 369 Senator Hawks moved HB 369 be concurred in. Motion carried with Senator Balyeat, Esp, McGee, Story, Shockley voting nay.
- SB 553 Senator Black moved SB 553 do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, Moss, Murphy, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 44

Nays: Balyeat, Jackson, McGee, O'Neil. Total 4

Absent or not voting: None. Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

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- HB 37 Senator Gebhardt moved HB 37 be concurred in. Motion carried with Senator McGee voting nay.
- HB 242 Senator Shockley moved HB 242 be concurred in. Motion failed as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brueggeman, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Esp, Gallus, Harrington, Jackson, Jent, Laible, Laslovich, Lewis, McGee, Murphy, Perry, Peterson, Shockley, Squires, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash. Total 24

Nays: Brown, Cobb, Elliott, Gebhardt, Hansen, Hawks, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Larson, Lind, Moss, O'Neil, Pease, Ryan, Schmidt, Smith, Stapleton, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President.

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HB 789 - Senator Cocchiarella moved HB 789 be concurred in. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 532 - Senator J. Tropila moved HB 532 be concurred in. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 174 - Senator Elliott moved HB 174 be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Cocchiarella, Elliott, Gallus, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Larson, Laslovich, Lind, Moss, Pease, Ryan, Schmidt, Smith, Squires, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President.

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Senator Williams moved the committee rise and report. Motion carried. Committee arose. Senate resumed. President Cooney in the chair. Chairman McGee moved the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

THIRD READING OF BILLS

The following bills having been read three several times, title and history agreed to, were disposed of in the following manner:

HB 284 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, McGee, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 48

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 664 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, McGee, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 48

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 129 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, McGee, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 48

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 363 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Gallus, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, Moss, Pease, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Smith, Squires, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President.

Total 38

Nays: Balyeat, Barkus, Esp, Gebhardt, McGee, Murphy, O'Neil, Perry, Shockley, Stapleton.

Total 10

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 153 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, McGee, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 48

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 510 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 47

Nays: McGee.

Total 1

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HB 579 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, McGee, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Stapleton, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 48

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

HJR 35 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Bales, Balyeat, Barkus, Black, Brown, Brueggeman, Cobb, Cocchiarella, Curtiss, Elliott, Esp, Gallus, Gebhardt, Hansen, Harrington, Hawks, Jackson, Jent, Juneau, Kaufmann, Kitzenberg, Laible, Larson, Laslovich, Lewis, Lind, Moss, Murphy, O'Neil, Pease, Perry, Peterson, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Smith, Squires, Steinbeisser, Story, Tash, J.Tropila, M.Tropila, Wanzenried, Weinberg, Williams, Mr. President. Total 46

Nays: McGee, Stapleton.

Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Essmann, Gillan.

Total 2

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION (Smith, Chairman):

3/26/2007

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Legislative Administration recommend that employment of the following attaches of the Senate be terminated as of 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2007:

TITLE NAME

Pages: Kelsey Salomon, Ronan

Mallory Hugs, Pryor Lyndsi Jonart, Butte Max Miller, Laurel Jessi Manchester, Butte Eugen Riordan, Butte Neil Gavigan, Belgrade Zackary Rambo, Gilford

and recommend that the following attaches of the Senate be employed as of 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007:

TITLE NAME

Pages: Katie Jolley, Victor

Montana Wilson, Poplar Clara Moulton, Great Falls Ashley Glover, Great Falls John Garrison, Thompson Falls Tara Turnbull, Brockton Amy McKinney, Libby

Report Adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Williams moved that the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007. Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

JOHN MUDD Secretary of the Senate MIKE COONEY President of the Senate